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Tentative Approval of Revised Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Subject:

U.S. Oil Sands (Utah), Inc., PR Spring Mine, M/047/0090, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Cuthbert:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining tentatively approves the revised Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) for the PR Spring mine. The notice of tentative approval will be published in the appropriate Salt Lake City and Uintah County newspapers (copy attached). This will begin a 30-day public comment period. The Division will also notify the Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC). If no substantive comments are received during the public comment period, the Division will then issue its final approval for this project. Changes to the Notice may be needed if substantive comments are received.

Thank you for providing two copies of the Notice. Upon final approval, the Division will stamp one copy approved and return it to you for your records.

Prior to issuing final approval, the Division requires that you submit a reclamation surety totaling \$376,000.00. The Division currently holds a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$293,000.00. You may increase the amount in the existing certificate of deposit, or you may submit cash, a new certificate of deposit, a surety bond, or a letter of credit for either the additional or total amount. Please contact the minerals program bonding coordinator, Penny Berry, for additional information about submitting the surety.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in completing this permitting process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or April Abate at 538-5214.

Minerals Program Manager

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